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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL RESHUFFLES AT STA

1. JAPANESE CABINET JUNE 28 APPROVED RESHUFFLE OF SEVERAL HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (STA). THE CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED JULY 1.

2. OUTGOING ARE SHOGO KURACHI, ADMINISTRATIVE VICE-MINISTER, MINORU KOYAMA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, AND HIROSHI FUKUNAGA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF PROMOTION BUREAU. KURACHI WILL BE REPLACED BY YOSHINORI IHARA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU, KOYAMA BY HARUO HANZAWA, SCIENCE COUNCILLOR, AND FUKUNAGA BY HIROSHI SUGIURA, DIRECTOR OF GENERAL COORDINATION DEPARTMENT, AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MITI.

3. NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU IS NOBUYUKI MAKIMURA, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RESOURCES, STA, AND NEW SCIENCE COUNCILLOR IS MIKIO UNCLASSIFIED

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ISETANI, COUNCILLOR OF ENVIRONMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S SECRETARIAT.

4. FOLLOWING ARE CAPSULE BIOGRAPHIES OF THE NEW APPOINTEES:

5. YOSHINORI IHARA (NEW STA VICE-MINISTER): GRADUATED

FROM DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO IN 1947. JOINED MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN 1948. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CONTROL DIVISION, AEB, STA, 1956. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, REACTOR REGULATION DIVISION, AEB, STA, 1959, DIRECTOR, RESEARCH DIVISION, AEB, STA, 1962. DIRECTOR, NUCLEAR FUEL DIVISION, AEB, STA, 1962. FIRST SECRETARY (SCIENTIFIC) AT JAPANESE EMBASSY IN LONDON, 1964, DIRECTOR, POWER REACTOR DIVISION, AEB, STA, 1967. DIRECTOR, COORDINATION DIVISION, RESEARCH COORDINATION BUREAU, STA 1969. DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AEB, STA 1973. DIRECTOR-GENERAL, NUCLEAR SAFETY BUREAU STA, 1976. BORN IN CHIBA PREFECTURE IN 1924.

6. NOBUYUKI MAKIMURA (NEW DIRGEN OF NUCLEAR SAFETY BUR): GRADUATED FROM DEPT OF CERAMICS, TOKYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IN 1948. ENTERED MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN SAME YEAR. SINCE THAT TIME AND UNTIL TAKING OFFICE IN 1974 AS DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RESOURCES, HE FILLED THE FOLLOWING POSTS SUCCESSIVELY: DIRECTOR, SURVEY DIVISION, ATOMIC ENERGY BUREAU, STA; DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, POWER REACTOR AND NUCLEAR FUEL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PNC); DIRECTOR, COORDINATION DIVISION, RESEARCH COORDINATION BUREAU, STA. BORN IN TOKYO AND 51 YEARS OLD.

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7. HARUO HANZAWA (NEW DIREGEN OF MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT): GRADUATED FROM NAVAL PAYMASTERS SCHOOL IN 1945. ENTERED MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN 1949. POSTS FILLED SO FAR INCLUDE DIRECTOR, PETROLEUM PLANNING DIVISION, BUREAU OF MINES, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY; DIRECTOR, OVERALL ENERGY POLICY DIVISION, MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, MITI; DIRECTOR, GENERAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, INDUSTRIAL LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BUREAU, MITI; DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ATOMIC ENERGY BUREAU, STA. HE HAS BEEN STA'S SCIENCE COUNCILLOR SINCE JANUARY 1976. BORN IN FUKUSHIMA PREFECTURE, AND IS 51 YEARS OLD.

8. MIKIO ISETANI (NEW SCIENCE COUNCILLOR); GRADUATED FROM DEPARTMENT OF MINERAL DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING, FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO IN 1949. ENTERED MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. HAS HELD FOLLOWING POSTS UNTIL BECOMING COUNCILLOR FOR ENVIRONMENT AGENCY IN MAY 1975: FIRST SECRETARY AT JAPANESE EMBASSY IN INDIA; SCIENCE RESEARCH OFFICIAL, PLANNING BUREAU, STA; DIRECTOR, MINES DIVISION, POLLUTION CONTROL AND SAFETY BUREAU, MITI; DIRECTOR, METALS DIVISION, MINING AND COAL BUREAU, MITI. BORN IN TOKYO. 52 YEARS OLD.

9. HIROSHI SUGIURA (NEW DIRGEN OF PROMOTION BUR):
GRADUATED FROM FACULTY OF LAW AT UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO IN
1949. ENTERED MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.
POSTS HELD IN PAST INCLUDE DIRECTOR, IRON AND STEEL
DIVISION, HEAVY INDUSTRY BUREAU, MITI; HEAD, PLANNING
OFFICE, MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT, MITI; DIRECTOR,
ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT, PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT
PUBLIC CORPORATION; DIRECTOR-GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, INTERNATIONAL TRADE
POLICY BUREAU, MITI; AND DIRECTOR OF GENERAL COORDINATION
DEPARTMENT, AIST, MITI, SINCE JULY 1975. BORN IN TOKYO.
54 YEARS OLD.

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QPM COMMENT: WITHOUT EXCEPTION, THE FIVE LEADING
OFFICIALS OF STA INTRODUCED ABOVE BEGAN THEIR OFFICIAL
CAREER WITH MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. THE
OTHER INCUMBENTS AT SAME LEVEL, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN
AFFECTED BY LATEST RESHUFFLE (MASATO YAMANO, DIRGEN
OF ATOMIC ENERGY BUR AND HIROYUKI OSAWA, DIRGEN OF
PLANNING BUR) ALSO CAME FROM MITI. WHETHER THIS IS
COINCIDENCE OR NOT WE CANNOT TELL, BUT FACT THAT STA
LEADERSHIP NOW CONSISTS EXCLUSIVELY OF FORMER MITI
OFFICIALS SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT MUCH INTERACTION
EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES AND THAT GOJ SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY IS VERY MUCH GEARED TO MITI'S
HIGHEST POLICY GOAL: TO SUSTAIN STABLE GROWTH OF THE
ECONOMY THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION. IT SEEMS
THAT THIS STILL REMAINS AND IS LIKELY TO REMAIN THE
BASIC AND MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN JAPANESE SCIENCE
POLICY DESPITE THE WIDELY PUBLICIZED PRECEPT THAT
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE DEVELOPED TO MEET
SOCIETAL NEEDS.
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